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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices ended the week unchanged on all weights. The market tone ranged steady to instances barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was slow to moderate, at times good where features were present. Supplies were irregular for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the mostly light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the at least moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was sluggish to moderate and best into features planned or in progress. Loose egg sales were usually light. Supplies were adequate to ample.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51	LARGE	26-35	30	
LARGE	43-53	44-47	MEDIUM	15-21	19	
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	6-10		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged fair to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the light demand. Processing schedules were reported as about normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the at least moderate to good demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-68	54-57
LARGE	47-61	52-56
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was fair to instances good where featured. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were irregular, in close balance to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the confidently held offers. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the light demand. Breaking schedules were about normal. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the at least moderate to good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal to at times heavy for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50.25-59	53-56
LARGE	43.25-57	51-54
MEDIUM	31.25-46	39-43

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was light to moderate entering the weekend. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	53-57
LARGE	50-59	51-53
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 54. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 99, large 18 pack 98.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	104
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	74

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	78-93
EXTRA LARGE	76-85
LARGE	74-77
MEDIUM	61-64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-189

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were available although held in confident hands. Demand was mostly light. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	31-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled as both buyers and seller were closely watching further market developments. Demand was light for offerings that were irregular for about normal processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending April 23, 2005 were 2% more than the previous week, although 5% less than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	27-33	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	17-21
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 23-APR-05 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,313,882	31,850	12,597	6,829	2,371	4,300
PW	1,314,014	31,034	13,308	7,170	2,549	4,507
LY	1,275,904	29,940	12,810	6,866	2,645	4,468
% CHG PW	0	3	-5	-5	-7	-5
% CHG LY	3	6	-2	-1	-10	-4
2005	20,284,063	483,931	198,744	106,604	44,385	70,337
2004	18,846,646	448,274	180,257	100,197	41,091	65,785
% CHG YTD	8	8	10	6	8	7
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.30	42.63	42.39	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			39.03	39.20	38.89	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and whites continued too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and yolk and cautiously steady to barely steady for whites. Offerings were more available for whole egg and were reported as adequate. White offerings were fully adequate with yolk offerings usually adequate. Demand was fairly good for whole egg and whites with yolk demand fair. Many buyers were attempting to apply downward pressure on liquid white prices as private bids were reported at lower levels. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	27-29.75	27.66	.66
WHITES	19	16.5-19	17.50	.44
YOLKS	8	50.5-53	51.56	2.06

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher. Frozen sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 4 cents higher with whites unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and fully steady to occasionally firm for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings were adequate for all frozen products. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	37-40	37-39
WHITES	35-38	36-38
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-59	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56	53-55

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were higher on yolks and whole, and unchanged on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Buyers interest improved but sales were still reported as slow. Supplies and offerings were adequate for most trade needs. Trade sentiment was unsettled on whites and generally steady on balance of items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Apr-2005 were 8% more than last week, and 2% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	35-40	36-39	43-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		52-75
WHITES	33-40	34-38	40-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-59	55-58	61-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-56	53-55	56-63

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 3 cents higher on whole, unchanged on whites, and 1 cent higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/23 was 1% more than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb.

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-62

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole and yolks, but unchanged to lower on albumen and blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was fair with offerings of yolks limited, whole about adequate, and albumen sufficient for most trade needs. The undertone was mixed, but usually steady to firm on yolks, at least steady on whole, and in a unsettled to steady range on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Apr-2005 were 7% lower than the previous week, and 10% less than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 8% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.25-1.55	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40
YOLKS	1.30-1.45	MOSTLY 1.38-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.16-2.40	MOSTLY 2.25-2.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.18-1.65	MOSTLY 1.29-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 22, 2005-APR 28, 2005

CURRENT LOADS	43.50	FUTURE LOADS	21.00	TOTAL LOADS	64.50
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	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.00	37.00	33.00	35.33	—	—	10.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	35.50	37.00	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	51.00	54.33	56.00	—	—	3.25
GL W XL	—	45.00	46.50	49.16	42.27	—	25.75
GL W LG	—	45.45	45.25	46.70	40.03	—	25.25
GL W MD	35.00	—	32.82	32.60	27.73	30.00	10.50
GL W SM	25.50	28.50	—	—	22.00	23.00	3.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	33.75	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.50	33.33	7.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	8.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	1.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	16.00	—	—	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	41.00	41.00	—	—	—	50.50	4.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	60.00	1.00
GL W XL	41.00	—	—	—	53.00	52.56	4.00
GL W LG	37.00	48.60	—	—	—	50.93	16.75
GL W MD	31.00	39.00	—	—	—	39.04	4.50

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to good for current trade needs. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was mostly light to fair for the adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand fairly good to very good. Most processing schedules were increased to over-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5.5-8.5	6-7

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules generally full. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

APR 29, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.50	54.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	54.50	52.50	41.00
MIDWEST	48.00	45.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	58.50	54.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	54.32	51.73	40.09

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-30 MAJORITY 26-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-APR-05
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,651	1,466	3,117
Last Week	1,687	1,411	3,098
Same week yr ago	1,424	1,250	2,674
To-date/2005	24,380	21,289	45,669
To-date/2004	20,758	20,220	40,978

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	232	0	232
Last Week	215	7	222
Same week yr ago	228	4	232
To-date/2005	4,655	18	4,673
To-date/2004	3,917	52	3,969

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,883	1,466	3,349
Last Week	1,902	1,418	3,320
Same week yr ago	1,652	1,254	2,906
To-date/2005	29,035	21,307	50,342
To-date/2004	24,675	20,272	44,947

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	352	196	3,704	2,362
Frozen	21	0	21	0
Dried	25	0	107	187
Total	398	196	3,832	2,549

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	68	29	2,144	1,206
Frozen	8	45	324	596
Dried	16	149	316	1,051
Total	92	223	2,784	2,853

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	202	1,200	8,352	6,960
Large	2,743	1,310	22,793	14,913
Medium	1,920	2,670	18,135	15,540
Ungraded	6,480	9,123	24,500	37,617
Misc	0	270	2,263	7,040
Total	11,345	14,573	76,076	82,120

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	04/25/05	3,417	115,516	49,186
AM	04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG		-33	13850	-670
PCT CHG		-1%	14%	-1%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 23-Apr-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	243.3	3	4
East North Central	553.2	-1	5
West North Central	277.4	3	3
South Atlantic	197.2	-2	-7
South Central	59.6	5	-15
West	211.8	0	22
Total	1542.5	1	4

Matched Plants reporting 86 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 23-Apr-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	Percent Change	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	23.4	26.8	-13	-9
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	-14
Chicago	62.4	59.9	4	14
Detroit	21.5	20.4	5	-6
Kansas City	8.5	3.1	174	174
Los Angeles	121.2	117.5	3	39
New Orleans	7.1	8.3	-14	-23
New York	30.3	32.3	-6	2
St. Louis	15.6	17.2	-9	-7
San Francisco	18.3	18.8	-3	-6
Total	311.4	307.4	1	14
4 Week Moving Avg.	304.1			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Apr 26, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	98	96	73	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	90-94	88-92	65-69	39-43
MOSTLY	92-93	90-91	68-69	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	97-101	95-99	72-76	45-49
MOSTLY	97	95	72	45
VERMONT	98-100	96-97	73-75	-
MOSTLY	98	96	73	-

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